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SECTION A – CASE STUDY

You are advised to spend 15 minutes reading the case study before attempting all questions.

Read the following information and answer questions 1 to 8, which are based on this case study.

Family background information

Albert is three and a half years old and his sister Daisy is 12 months old. They live with their parents Lil and Kem in a small flat. Lil works full time in the local supermarket. The family are poor in relation to other families in the area. Due to local policies there are no nursery facilities for full day care that the family are able to afford, so the children stay with Amnah the childminder whilst Lil and Kem are both at work.

Albert

Albert is small for his age. At the dinner table, he uses a fork to eat but spills his drink when he uses a cup. Albert can be very noisy. He is fascinated by cars and often makes the noise of a car engine. Daisy now also makes the same noise.

Daisy

Daisy sits in her high chair at the dinner table and watches Albert. She will try to copy Albert by using a fork. As soon as the doorbell rings, Daisy becomes excited. She is always pleased to see Grandad when he comes to visit. He always brings her yoghurt and gives her a hug for clapping her hands.

Amnah the Childminder

Amnah looks after a baby as well as Daisy and Albert in her home. The children are looked after very well but she cannot provide the range of play facilities that a pre-school is able to.

Amnah occasionally takes Albert to the local playground which is far away. He runs smoothly over to the climbing frame and climbs on and off easily. He plays with a large ball on the grass and can kick the ball in the right direction. When they are indoors Albert's favourite toy is the shape sorter. He finds it very hard to put the shapes in the right holes. He uses his mouth to feel the shapes before trying to fit each one in the shape sorter. He can build a tower of two to four blocks. Albert likes playing on the floor with toy cars. He always lines up the cars before he starts his game, but if he cannot find the cars he will use a block and pretend it is a car. When the car stops he says petrol and goes to the kitchen to pretend to fill it up. Albert can remember the rhyme Hey Diddle Diddle which he sings every day with Amnah. He enjoys singing and dancing to other nursery songs but cannot always remember the words if they have not sung the songs for some time.

Daisy cries and clings to Lil when she is leaving her at Amnah's house. Daisy prefers to be with her mother, rather than her father. She does not like strangers and hides from them. Once Daisy has settled, she likes to play with the toy phone and puts it up to her ear. She will sometimes play happily on her own for up to 10 minutes.